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Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower, mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was typically slow to fair with limited trading as other holiday items attracted best interest. Food service was better due to holiday parties and catering businesses. In the Midwest and South, more winter storms are expected which could further affect demand and distribution. Supplies were adequate to ample and often discounted to help move. In the parts structure, wings were close balanced to short of a continued active call. The remaining items were at least sufficient to handle the light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/18-12/23/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	47.00-48.00	47.93	14	53.29	24
Chicago	48.00-52.00	50.20	42	52.78	68
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.13	23
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.54	13
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	63.88	22
Detroit	49.00-52.00	51.56	16	54.53	37
Los Angeles	66.00	63.59	71	61.62	117
New York	44.00-47.00	45.71	28	52.75	57
Philadelphia	44.00-47.00	45.75	8	49.36	22
Pittsburgh	46.00-48.00	46.96	13	54.52	59
St. Louis	49.75	49.25	15	51.05	34
San Francisco	66.50	65.55	31	68.13	49

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/18/00	Change/Last Wk	12/11/00	12/20/99
525	56.68	-0.76	57.44	58.10

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-60.00	59.48	42
Central	54.00-59.00	57.21	54
West	50.00-63.00	57.56	42

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-61.00	60.48	79
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,105	48.00-62.75	60.14

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	126.00	4,937
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.50	1,555
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	795
LEG QUARTERS	25.00	9,440
WINGS	83.50	3,092

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive as buying patterns centered around the more seasonal items. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited as holiday items become the focal point of the marketplace. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate, and dark meat

parts were usually available. Active interest continued to keep wings closely cleared to instances tight.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was slow to fair with interest focused on more traditional holiday items. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Severe winter weather conditions were present in many areas; however, no damages were reported but one or two locations suffered slightly higher mortality rates. In the parts structure, availability was at least adequate with wings in the closest balance and moving best. Trading for the remaining items was light. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries were at unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings reported as ample for an only fair buyers needs. Demand by stores light, fairly good by restaurants. Dealers reported heavier than desired to moderate weekend carryovers. Parts trading reported: leg quarters bulk 22-22.5, generally 24.5 for 4/10s, bone-in breasts 64-73, boneless breasts 110-115 and boneless leg meat 68-70. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .29 to 51.20 with the volume reported down 38%.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were lower into St. Louis, unchanged elsewhere and TFEWR into Ohio from last Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings on whole fryers limited, Wogs ample. Movement into all channels was irregular, slow to fairly good, best for catering. Winter storms moving into the upper Midwest could affect demand and distribution later. Floor stocks mixed, sizes desirable. Parts trading was generally slow overall for the light offerings. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, unsettled on breast items and barely steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited, very much typical of previous pre-christmas activity when most buyers look to other meat items for the holiday. Seller offerings were generally noted as ample and difficult to place. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied in a range of light to heavy. Processings schedules were seasonally light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate and cleared satisfactorily. Other items were at least adequate for the generally dull buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	39-59
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.81
NO. OF BOXES	12,239
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was limited entering the week as dealers remained cautious and highly selective in order to keep floorstocks as balanced as possible. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate, and dark meat parts were more than sufficient. Wings were the best item ranging no more than adequate to occasionally tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was fully steady on wings, cautiously steady on the balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	120.98	631,400
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.12	167,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	64.77	284,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	59.94	210,000
LEGS	33-34	35.47	301,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.13	512,926
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.46	212,870
THIGHS	30-31	35.11	156,640
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.96	57,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	88.51	354,850
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	102,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.23	96,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.63	135,360

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,433	100.00-109.00	100-105	103.81
TENDERLOINS	144	133.00-235.00	-	175.16
BREAST - WITH RIBS	210	67.00-84.00	67-69	71.59
FRONT HALVES	400	45.00-53.00	48-53	48.60
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	810	17.50-22.00	17.5-19	18.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,955	18.00-23.00	20.5	20.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	50	73.00-79.00	79	77.83
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	986	23.00-40.00	23-24	23.61

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/18	12/14	12/14	12/11	12/07
ALA	3,710	3,848	5.05	3,843	5.00
ARK	5,363	3,600	4.75	5,177	4.88
DELMARVA	2,072	2,389	4.96	2,196	4.92
KY-LA-TN	1,851	2,008	4.44	2,021	4.51
MISS	2,833	2,842	4.98	2,828	5.07
NC	2,306	2,600	5.79	2,643	5.79
TEXAS	2,094	2,283	4.82	2,321	4.88
TOTAL	20,229	19,570	4.98	21,029	5.01
MON	20,229(A)			21,029(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Dec 2000

is estimated to be 30,265,000 down 4.09 percent from a week ago and down 4.10 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,556,000, last year 31,559,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	856	120.00-200.00	125-135	139.87
TENDERLOINS	68	135.00-195.00	135-140	154.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	60.00-65.00	60-63	62.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	29.00-45.00	29-30	30.12
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	342	17.00-24.00	17-18	18.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,620	21.00-27.50	22-24	23.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	324	83.00-87.00	83-85	84.85
WINGS (CUT)	2,005	94.00-110.00	94-96	95.52
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 18, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.50 - 41.00	36.67	35.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI

WEEK OF 18-DEC-2000 TO 22-DEC-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	103.00 - 125.00	110.00 - 115.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	59.00 - 72.00	59.00 - 62.00
LEGS	31.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 22.00
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	76.00 - 89.00	79.00 - 81.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 66.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-93
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 15-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	FOB DOCK	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
		DELIVERED		FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	20.00-23.00	-		-	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.20				

300,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	16.25-21.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	18.14		17.00

380,000 pounds, this includes 100,000 pounds for export shipment. 15-20%

RANGE	16.00-24.00	-	12.00	13.00-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.08		12.00	13.90

2,040,000 pounds, this includes 1,280,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	13.50
WTD AVERAGE				13.50

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

Effective January 5, 2001 all prices and volumes of mechanically separated chicken meat and chicken with added skin will be reported on an FOB shipper dock or equivalent basis so prices can be more accurately compared within and between regions.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was slightly higher. Demand was moderate to good for spent hens. Finished sales were active. Schedules were full. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5-9 CENTS/LB.		6-9	7.07

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 15-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	FOB DOCK	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
		DELIVERED		FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	-	14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE			14.67

61,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment. 15-20%

RANGE	18.00-20.00	20.00-24.00	11.00-12.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.38	23.25	11.17	13.78

1,632,000 pounds, this includes 856,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

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SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices trended higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for adequate but reduced offering. Hatching eggs were reported as being short in some locations. Floor stocks of finished product were clearing and ranged from about adequate to adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal to less than normal. The market tone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-8.5	5.6-8.5	6.27
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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